

# Quarter Century Wireless Association

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## HOTLINE REPORT



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### QCWA 1989 SPRING ELECTIONS

The Spring, 1989 issue of the QCWA Journal carried a full story on the 1989 elections. The material published featured a short review each Candidates experience and in most cases carried a statement of their feelings regarding QCWA. It was most unfortunate that headquarters made a very serious error in publishing the list of Candidates. The error occurred on Page 5 of the Spring Journal and was simply that of listing the candidacy of John Weber, KA2IXW for the office of Director. John was nominated as a candidate for the office of Vice President, not Director. The error was inadvertent, and is the responsibility of the General Manager. An apology is tendered to Mr. Weber who was most gracious when informed of our faux pas.

### 1989 ELECTION BALLOT PREPARED

The ballot to be used in the 1989 election is essentially prepared in its preliminary form. The ballot will be duplicated and a copy sent to all candidates for their inspection before being printed for general distribution to membership. It is hoped that candidates will check the information in the ballot carefully and report errors and/or corrections to headquarters so that changes can be made before printing. Ballots will be printed and mailed out approximately May 15, 1989.

Elections are the tools with which membership may endorse or change the way its organization is being operated. Read the information in the Spring QCWA Journal, acquaint yourself with the candidates for office. If their statements are not adequate write or call them for further information and, when your ballot arrives mark it and mail it immediately.

Advise Chapter members that ballots are sent only to members whose dues are paid up at the time of mailing. All members should renew memberships prior to the May 15 mailing date for ballots to insure that they will be able to vote in the election.

### QCWA 1/2-YEAR BOARD MEETING

A large percentage of QCWA Officers and Board members have signified their intent to attend the ARRL National Convention (Diamond Jubilee, 75 Years) to be held June 2 - 3 in Arlington, Texas. Immediately following the ARRL meeting, the Board will convene at Irving, Texas June 5. There is a fairly heavy agenda facing the Board. A report of the meeting will appear in the HLR and a more complete report in the Fall, 1989 QCWA Journal.

One of the matters that will be discussed will be the results of the membership opinion poll published in the Winter, 1988 QCWA Journal. That poll seeks to establish the degree of membership support or opposition to the proposal that QCWA establish an associate membership - a membership that would permit members in QCWA whose first license was issued less than 25 years before making application for membership and, a proposal that QCWA



Board of Directors members be nominated and elected by geographical areas. At present all Directors are nominated and elected without special regard to the location of their home. Balloting has been light - ballots will be accepted through April 15, 1989. Get yours in promptly if you have opinions, pro or con on either or both propositions.

The Board will consider the poll results at its June meeting. A report on their actions with respect to the poll will appear first in the HLR - watch for it.

### SUMMER JOURNAL TO CARRY QSO PARTY SCORING RESULTS

It is expected that final results of the QSO Party activities will be presented in the Summer QCWA Journal. From all reports this year was a ringer with what seemed to be exception activity. Watch for the report - The Summer Journal will be published in late June, 1989.

### QCWA URGES MEMBERS TO WRITE TO CONGRESS

QCWA has been working very diligently to get members to write to certain congressional committee members who are in a position to urge the Federal Communications Commission to grant the ARRL petition for opening oral argument discussion in connection with reconsideration of the FCC's recent decision to re-allocate 220 - 222 MHz (now used by the amateurs) to the Land Mobile Service.

QCWA's activities do not constitute a conflict with our status as a not-for-profit organization. We are not attempting to elect anyone, or to change laws. We are only asking our members to petition their congressional representatives to put pressure on the FCC to grant the ARRL's petition which would let amateur radio have a fair opportunity to set forth its side of the re-allocation matter to the FCC - a circumstance we believe to be lacking at present.

In fairness one must consider the other side (Namely the Commission and UPS). UPS is not an ugly critter bent on eating us just because we're sweet fellows. They are businessmen who are convinced that they need our frequencies to improve their competitiveness in the marketplace, maybe needing even to the point of survival. No, they're not Darth Vader but, they are selfish - the Land Mobile Service has many frequencies that are presently using obsolete equipment, using antiquated inefficient systems - these frequencies could be far better used for the benefit of all by requiring all wide-band circuits to be reduced to state of the art narrow-band systems as quickly as possible. The Land Mobile Service doesn't want to spend the money to do this - instead, they want our frequencies which permit them to continue use of inefficient systems with amateur radio providing new frequencies for experimentation and eventual use. It is hoped that oral argument before the Commission can bring out facts that will possibly get the Commission to review its decision to reallocate.

We must remember - commercial interests have clearly indicated that they consider the amateur frequencies (your and my lifeblood, as amateurs) as a game preserve. Frequencies set aside and held for their convenience when they feel the urge to expand. We must not let any frequencies be handed to commercial interests without a real battle and, in the final analysis full assurance that the commercial interests have overwhelming requirements and that they have done everything in their power to assure that the frequencies they already have are being used at maximum efficiency. Commercial interests have not demonstrated responsibility in facing up to the need for modernization and as of providing proof of as near 100% efficient use of their existing allocations before asking for additional spectrum space.

For these reasons, we urge you to make up letters and mail them to the Congressmen listed below. A letter to each please - do it today - a few thousand letters will certainly make a difference - we may lose but, don't let it be simply because we didn't try!



Representative E. J. Markey, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC 20515

Representative John D. Dingell, Rayburn House Office Bldg, Washington, DC 20515

Senator Daneil Inouye, Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510

The letter below is a sample, suitable for the job. xerox it if you desire or better yet, use it as a guide and write your own but - write and do it now!

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April 10, 1989

Representative E. J. Markey  
Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Markey:

I am writing to request your help in assisting the American Radio Relay Leagu (ARRL), our national amateur radio association, in their efforts to obtain the privilege of oral argument before the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), with respect to their peititon for reconsideration of FCC Docket 87-14.

The future of a great portion of the service amateur radio can provide to the public interest in event of emergency hinges on our having the right to put our case to the FCC in the public forum of oral argument. Thue U. S. Defense Department supports the ARRL in its petition but the FCC seems reluctant to act favorably on the oral argument request.

I will appreciate your intervention as expeditiously as possible because it appears that the FCC is disposed to ignore many important argument that should be heard before a final decision is adopted which would re-allocate important portions of amateur radio frequency spectrum.

Sincerely,

Your Name  
address

#### QCWA CHARTERS NEW CHAPTER

A Charter was issued to Sacramento Valley Chapter, No. 169, on March 27, 1989. Activity is in the Sacramento area. Officers Pro-tem are:

Glenn Koropp, W6YFW - President  
Paul Wolf, W6RLP - Vice President & Secretary

If you live in the area, contact Glenn or Paul - Charter membership is still open to any QCWA member, or amateur eligible to become a QCWA member.

**LATEST MEMBER TO JOIN QCWA** - David R. Walter, WA5GUL, who lives at Bakersfield, CA, was enrolled on July 22, 1988. David is a geologist with hobbies of fishing, tennis playing and woodworking - and of course, amateur radio. We want to welcome David to the ranks of QCWA members! His membership number is 22,740.

The Hotline Report is sent to Chapter officials and to the Officers of QCWA. Members may obtain the HLR upon payment of \$6 for a one year period. Write to Headquarters,

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